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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether Mr. Veera Mallappa, a non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail, was relieved of his office on the question of dress ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sir, in the answer to clause (b), it is said, 'the answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.' Does it mean that they are allowed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir. It means that the relatives and friends of prisoners are being allowed to visit the jail."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know if there is no rule with regard to the prohibition of persons wearing khaddar or Gandhi caps being appointed as visitors to jails; are any instructions issued to officers who recommend these visitors ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No instructions either way. Because there is no need to issue any instruction."

Mr. C. Satyanarayana Choudari :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the relatives and friends of prisoners are allowed to visit the jails irrespective of their dress when they make the application ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" They are allowed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" There seems to be some difficulty in the matter of dress. Has the hon. the Law Member ascertained the fact from the Inspector-General of Prisons ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" So far as I am aware, he has not issued any instructions, and certainly there is no rule to that effect. When my hon. Friend is wearing a Gandhi cap here, I shall not be justified in issuing any instruction against it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member will issue instructions to the Inspector-General to cancel the order if he has issued any to that effect ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not prepared to answer a hypothetical question."

Magistracy

Dacoity committed in January 1930 on the Arni-Wandiwash road.

* 62 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a dacoity committed on 3rd January 1930 on the Arni-Wandiwash road of North Arcot district;

(b) whether the Police arrested some persons on the 13th and 14th of the same month in connexion with the above crime and whether their investigation was complete by the 20th January and whether the accused persons were committed to the Sessions and took their trial in August and were acquitted in Sessions Case No. 20 of 1930 ; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the District Magistrate of North Arcot as to why there was such a delay of seven months?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have received a report from the District Magistrate on the subject.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—"May I know the reason for the delay ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"There have been more than one transfer from one court to another and there have been a large number of witnesses in the case."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know whether the report from the District Magistrate will be placed on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know what kind of action Government propose to take in the matter ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"There is no need for any action whatever."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—"May I know whether the report justifies the delay ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The District Magistrate is of opinion, and the Government agree with it, that there is no unreasonable delay in the matter."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—"Has the hon. the Law Member read the report ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Yes, Sir."

Canals

Expenditure incurred for deepening the Buckingham Canal.

* 63 *Q.*—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what is the expenditure incurred yearly during the three years ending 31st March 1930 on the deepening of the Buckingham Canal (*a*) north of Madras, (*b*) south of Madras (1) up to Kovelong, (2) from Kovelong to Markanam terminus in the South Arcot district ?

A.—Excluding the cost of annual silt clearance the expenditure has been as follows :—

(*a*) Nil.

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(*b*) (1) Year ending	31st March 1928	Nil.
Do	31st March 1929	8,551
Do.	31st March 1930	32,846

(2) Nil.

Control over the banks of the Cooum river.

* 64 *Q.*—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is dual control over the Cooum river banks exercised by the Public Works Department and the Corporation ; and